

Place: Hybrid Meeting held at Chenery Hall, Medfield Town House and via Zoom

Call to Order

At 7:02 pm, Chair Murby called the meeting to order.

Present: Selectmen - Gustave Murby; Osler Peterson; Eileen Murphy. **Absent:** None. **Staff Present:** Town Counsel, Mark Cerel; Town Administrator, Kristine Trierweiler; Assistant Town Administrator, Nicholas Milano; Maurice Goulet. **Guests:** Abby Marble, Kelly Fallon, Kirsten Poler, Fred Davis, Jim Redden. **Participating Remotely:** Kevin Ryder, Parks & Recreation; Susan McPhee, Penelope Conner, Jeff Hyman, 1 Metacomet Street.

Announcements

Disclosure of video recording.

We want to take a moment of appreciation for our Troops serving around the world.

Appointments

1. DPW Director Maurice Goulet to discuss water restrictions due to repairs at Well 6

DPW Director Goulet said: Well 6 is the main producing well. The pump motor had an electrical issue and burned out the motor. A larger motor was ordered with a 2-4 week lead time. The DPW coordinated with the Water & Sewer Board and the BOS to put in a Tier 4 water restriction which includes no watering at all except for hand-held hose watering. With pandemic delays, we are trying to get it fixed within 2-4 weeks.

With the remaining wells used to supplement the water, the issue is keeping the two storage tanks full, one at the Medfield State Hospital, the other off of Eastmount Road. If you don't maintain the proper level in the tanks, the water pressure goes down and you don't have reserves for fire suppression or drinking water. The new pump and motor will cost \$70,000 with installation.

Mr. Goulet, BOS members and Ms. Trierweiler discussed citizen notification strategies which included electronic sign boards, social media, and the Patch. Mr. Goulet emphasized that the new water treatment plant was opening in February 2023 and that with the activation of this new well we will have redundancy in the system to cover things like this.

2. Abby Marble, Kelly Fallon, and Kirsten Poler to discuss proposed renovation of the playground at Hinkley Park

Kelly Fallon introduced the Hinkley Helpers presentation, Rebuild the Signature Playground of the Medfield Community. Hinkley Helpers are a 30-member volunteer organization, an initiative of the Medfield Foundation, Inc.

The group discussed the Hinkley Playground: The 25-year old playground is in disrepair, underutilized, not ADA-compliant, and not inclusive. Many Medfield families utilize playgrounds in other towns which includes going to restaurants and coffee shops in those towns. Medfield is investing in the school system and in Medfield State Hospital to make Medfield a regional destination. Update the playground to bring surrounding communities here. We'd like to preserve the trees and increase seating so everyone can enjoy the park. Hinkley Helpers has done a survey in town to gather information for what people want to see in a park/playground. They shared a playground design rendering. They've solicited options from 3 or 4 playground companies. The goal is to raise \$500,000 for the playground. They will seek corporate donors and grants.

Hinkley Helpers asked BOS members what the Town's process might be to building the playground. Members discussed potential hindrances to building the playground at the Stephen Hinkley Swim Pond. Ms. Trierweiler suggested the first step in the process is to go to Parks and Recreation who have care, custody and control of the swim pond. Kevin Ryder, Parks and Recreation Director noted he has been meeting with Kelly Fallon for about 14 months now. If Hinkley Helpers is not able to raise the funds needed, and funds are needed from the Town, the project would have to be voted at Town Meeting and there is the potential not to get the funds needed. BOS members discussed name rights if someone were to make a large donation, as well as ARPA grant opportunities. Chair Murby said the Board would like to know whether there would be maintenance fees for maintaining any turf. Town Counsel Cerel said playground equipment is on the state bid list so there should be a simplified process once you get a plan.

Hinkley Helpers request permission to post signs at the usual locations to advertise their kickoff event on May 15 at Hinkley Playground from 11 am to 2:30 pm

MOTION: Mr. Peterson moved to allow the Hinkley Helpers to post signs at the usual locations to advertise their kickoff event on May 15 at Hinkley Playground from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. Ms. Murphy seconded.

Vote: All in favor (Selectmen: Murby, aye; Peterson, aye; Murphy, aye). None opposed. **Vote:** 3-0-0

3. Medfield Energy Committee to discuss electrical vehicle charging stations
 - a. Potential vote to approve Eversource Electric Vehicle Charger Site Host Agreement

Fred Davis said this is an opportunity coming to the Town through Green Communities funding and Eversource funding.

Susan McPhee shared a presentation with the cost to getting a site ready to go and options for whether to charge for the electricity.

- The Town received a Green Communities grant for the electrical charging stations
- The Town is in the Eversource "queue" for the Make Ready program for these stations
- This is the most expensive process. Other towns are paying \$100,000 to get a station ready.
- Eversource incurs the cost of Make Ready. The Town pays for putting in the charging station and the Green Communities grant money pays for the charger.
- She would like to close out this grant in the summer and reapply for another potential \$200,000 Green Communities grant in the fall

Jim Redden presented to BOS members. The Energy Committee recommends proceeding with the "no charge for electricity" option currently because it has the least total costs and the least commitment. If we get into a 5-year contract with an energy company, we can't make adjustments as we learn whether this is costing us money. Chair Murby suggested it might not be necessary for the Town to be in the energy business and the Town could let private businesses put in charging stations instead.

A Zoom chat comment was read from Jeff Hyman. "Moving forward with the Eversource "Make Ready" proposal is the right decision for the Town, and I urge the Board of Selectmen vote yes to proceed with adoption of charging infrastructure which will help Massachusetts reach the goal of 300,000 registered electric vehicles on roads by 2025."

Ms. Trierweiler provided that 117 electric vehicles are registered to Medfield residents, this does not include electric vehicles with standard issue RMV plates.

Chair Murby continued the discussion of the question of whether the town should charge an electricity fee. In discussions with Mr. Redden the idea was raised that the town should charge a fee that would cover the actual costs associated with the charging stations. This would result in a price that would be significantly below the fees being charged by private businesses in town. It was pointed out that the decision on exactly how fees might work can be deferred until after the charging stations are installed. What was clear at this point was that the charging stations would come with the required software and equipment needed to be able to charge for the electricity.

Penelope Conner encouraged the Town to consider further discussion about the electricity fee.

MOTION: Mr. Peterson moved to approve the Eversource Electric Vehicle Charging Site Host Agreement and the sites that have been set forth in the materials circulated prior to this meeting. Ms. Murphy seconded.

Vote: All in favor (Selectmen: Murby, aye; Peterson, aye; Murphy, aye). None opposed. **Vote:** 3-0-0

Discussion Items (Potential Votes)

4. Discuss Annual Town Meeting 2022

Ms. Trierweiler said folks had asked about the appointments to the School Building Committee. She wants people to know the ByLaw will be sent out within the next week to the Attorney General's Office who can take from 30-90 days with an extension to respond to our request.

Mr. Peterson said if folks want to get their names in to work on the School Building Committee, there is still time to do so.

Mr. Murby would like a "statement of project" from the School Committee for how this project is a viable project compared to the last concept that was not viable, we can form the members of the School Building Committee now while waiting for the approval from the Attorney General's office.

Town Counsel discussed with the BOS members whether changes in ByLaw language could be rejected by the state and project progress stalled or the ByLaw may be approved with exceptions.

Action Items

5. Vote to appoint Andrew Foster as Town Accountant

MOTION: Mr. Peterson moved to appoint Andrew Foster as Town Accountant. Ms. Murphy seconded.

Vote: All in favor (Selectmen: Murby, aye; Peterson, aye; Murphy, aye). None opposed. **Vote:** 3-0-0

6. Request from the Medfield Cultural Alliance to sign a letter of support for their application to the MassDevelopment Underutilized Properties Program

MOTION: Mr. Peterson moved to approve the request from the Medfield Cultural Alliance to sign a letter of support for their application to the MassDevelopment Underutilized Properties Program.

Ms. Murphy seconded.

Vote: All in favor (Selectmen: Murby, aye; Peterson, aye; Murphy, aye). None opposed. **Vote:** 3-0-0

7. Vote to accept the resignation of Heidi Groff from the Council on Aging

MOTION: Mr. Peterson moved to accept with regrets the resignation of Heidi Groff from the Council on Aging. Ms. Murphy seconded.

Vote: All in favor (Selectmen: Murby, aye; Peterson, aye; Murphy, aye). None opposed. **Vote:** 3-0-0

8. Vote to allow car wash fundraisers on Sundays to allow for rescheduling of canceled fundraising events due to the current water restrictions

Ms. Trierweiler said the current policy was to only allow car wash dates on Saturdays. She recommended allowing car wash dates on both Saturday and Sunday which allows for rescheduling.

MOTION: Mr. Peterson moved to allow car wash fundraisers on Saturdays and Sundays to allow for rescheduling of canceled fundraising events due to the current water restrictions. Ms. Murphy seconded.

Vote: All in favor (Selectmen: Murby, aye; Peterson, aye; Murphy, aye). None opposed. **Vote:** 3-0-0

9. Vote to sign letter of engagement with Attorney Drew Hoyt to provide environmental legal services for the Medfield State Hospital

Mr. Murby asked Ms. Trierweiler to confirm with Attorney Hoyt that his expenses are at pass-through cost.

MOTION: Mr. Peterson moved to sign letter of engagement with Attorney Drew Hoyt to provide environmental legal services for the Medfield State Hospital. Ms. Murphy seconded.

Vote: All in favor (Selectmen: Murby, aye; Peterson, aye; Murphy, aye). None opposed. **Vote:** 3-0-0

10. Vote to award bid to Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC for a lease of land located at 55 North Meadows Road and lease agreement (renewal of existing lease)

Ms. Murphy asked for some guidance on why an agreed upon flat rate for 5 years and then another flat rate for the next 5 years. Mr. Milano shared some background on the process and how he came to the final fees. BOS members discussed with Mr. Milano and Counsel Cerel the contract language regarding the lease term. The contract is being reviewed by Comcast and will be brought to the next BOS meeting.

11. Vote to approve departmental appropriations transfer requests

MOTION: Mr. Peterson moved to approve an appropriation transfer request for \$7,000 from Board of Health salaries into Operations; one transfer to Medical Supplies in the amount \$5,000; and one transfer to Office Supplies in the amount of \$2,000. Ms. Murphy seconded.

Vote: All in favor (Selectmen: Murby, aye; Peterson, aye; Murphy, aye). None opposed. **Vote:** 3-0-0

MOTION: Mr. Peterson moved to approve an appropriation transfer request for \$5,000 from Town Administrator salaries into Contract Services. Ms. Murphy seconded.

Vote: All in favor (Selectmen: Murby, aye; Peterson, aye; Murphy, aye). None opposed. **Vote:** 3-0-0

12. Vote to approve agreements with Solect Energy Development for the Town Garage solar project:
 - a. Power Purchase Agreement
 - b. Lease Agreement
 - c. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (“PILOT”) Agreement

Ms. Trierweiler recommended the Board hold this item until the next agenda.

Citizen Comment Consent Agenda

13. Block party request from Charles Intravaia for 29-31 Kenney Road from 2 pm to 6 pm on May 21
14. Block party request from Kristen Storer for between 39 and 41 Rocky Lane on May 21 from 4 to 6 pm
15. Charles River Valley Trustees requests one-day beer/wine permit for Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14 at Rocky Woods from 6 to 10 pm
16. Medfield Together and Cultural Alliance of Medfield requests yards signs and sandwich boards on Main/North and South/Route 27 for the 2 weeks prior (September 24 to October 8) to the CultureFest at Bellforge scheduled for October 8
17. The Gazebo Players of Medfield request permission to post signs at the usual locations between July 11 and July 24 to advertise their performances of *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, including July 23 and July 24 at the Medfield State Hospital

MOTION: Mr. Peterson moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. Ms. Murphy seconded.
Vote: All in favor (Selectmen: Murby, aye; Peterson, aye; Murphy, aye). None opposed. **Vote:** 3-0-0

Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2020	April 6, 2021	August 25, 2021	April 5, 2022
December 22, 2020	July 13, 2021	February 1, 2022	
March 2, 2021	August 3, 2021	February 15, 2022	
March 30, 2021	August 17, 2021	March 1, 2022	

MOTION: Mr. Peterson moved to approve the April 5, 2022 meeting minutes. Ms. Murphy seconded.
Vote: All in favor (Selectmen: Murby, aye; Peterson, aye; Murphy, aye). None opposed. **Vote:** 3-0-0

MOTION: Mr. Peterson moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 26, 2020; March 2, 2021; March 30, 2021; December 22, 2020, with edits to include a list of documents used at the meeting. Mr. Murby seconded. Ms. Murphy abstained as she was not present at the meetings.
Vote: All in favor (Selectmen: Murby, aye; Peterson, aye; Murphy, abstained). None opposed. **Vote:** 2-0-1

Town Administrator Updates

Ms. Trierweiler thanked everyone for coming out to the Annual Town Meeting and exercising their right to vote. It was nice to see everyone.

Next Meeting Dates

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- May 18, 2022, Trinity Financial Meeting at the Council on Aging in the morning with a Zoom meeting in the evening. All are welcome to attend.
- May 19, 2022, TomCap meeting
- May 24, 2022
- June 7, 2022

Selectmen Reports

Ms. Murphy's activities included:

4/29 Site Walk with Trinity Financial	Represented BOS at baseball/softball parade
4/30 CamJam bands; nice to see families out	Happy to win Lion's raffle though unable to attend
5/2 ATM Dress Rehearsal	5/9 ATM, good dialogue, mix of age groups
5/6 Medfield Foundation 20th Anniversary	

Mr. Peterson's activities included:

Energy Committee met	Medfield Foundation 20th Anniversary
TomCap met weekly (Town of Medfield Climate Action Plan Work Group for the Energy Committee)	Site Walk with Trinity Financial

Mr. Murby's activities included:

4/29 Site Walk with Trinity Financial	5/6 Medfield Foundation 20th Anniversary
4/30 CamJam bands	5/4 Attended meet & greet with Congressman, Jake Auchincloss
5/2 ATM Dress Rehearsal	5/9 ATM

Mr. Murby recognized Mr. Peterson for his long-standing service to Medfield Foundation.

Mr. Peterson acknowledged the Foundation has raised \$3,000,000 over 21 years without any paid staff. It currently has approximately a \$600,000 endowment in its Legacy Fund with the current push to reach \$1,000,000 so the fund can roll out \$50,000 yearly in grants for different efforts in Town.

Adjourn

MOTION: At 9:02 pm, Mr. Peterson moved to adjourn. Ms. Murphy seconded.

Vote: All in favor (Selectmen: Murby, aye; Murphy, aye; Peterson, aye). None opposed. **Vote:** 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Michaud
Recording Secretary

Informational

- Board of Appeals on Zoning Notice of Decision for Royal Pizza
- Board of Appeals on Zoning Notice of Decision for Nosh & Grog Provisions

The packet with meeting materials for this meeting is available at this link:

<https://www.town.medfield.net/DocumentCenter/View/6111/BOS-Meeting-Packet-May-10-2022>

Documents and Exhibits

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- 5/4/22 Medfield Board of Selectmen letter to Mass Development in support of CAM application
- 5/2/22 Email Resignation from Council on Aging, Heidi Groff to Roberta Lynch
- 5/2/22 Letter of Legal Services Agreement from Attorney Drew Hoyt to Town Administrator
- Comcast Price Proposal, Contract and Lease for 55 North Meadows Road, Medfield
- Town of Medfield Appropriation Transfer Requests
- Block Party Permit from Charles Intravala, Kenney Road
- 4/25 Email Request from Jamie Picard for One-Day Liquor Permit for Rocky Woods
- Request from Gazebo Players of Medfield for Shakespeare in the Park events
- 5/6 Email from Ashley Leduc to N. Milano, Permission to Post Signs for Playground fundraiser